



STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA 2016-22

July 29, 2016

**RE: Therapeutic Foster Care Updates – Effective September 1, 2016**

Dear Provider,

This letter is to inform you of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority's (OHCA) policy changes promulgated through the 2016 legislative session per the Administrative Procedures Act. All policy changes are effective September 1, 2016, and will be posted to the [policy website](#) on that date. In the interim, comprehensive summaries of the changes are listed below. Please note, the Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) links identified below will be updated with the new policy changes on September 1, 2016. Please forward this letter to your administrative, billing, and compliance departments.

These rule changes were posted to the OHCA Proposed Policy Changes [website](#) on December 16, 2015 through January 15, 2016 or January 15, 2016 through February 16, 2016 during the 2016 permanent rule making session.

**Beginning September 1, 2016:**

Residential Behavioral Management Services policy at OAC [317:30-5-740](#), [317:30-5-740.1](#), [317:30-5-741](#), [317:30-5-742](#), [317:30-5-742.2](#), and [317:30-5-743.1](#) is revised to replace Inspection of Care language with the more appropriate Service Quality Review language to mirror practice and other policy changes. In addition, minor cleanup changes were made and the term outpatient was removed where referenced regarding behavioral health services to minimize confusion for Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) providers. Rules are also revised to broaden the definition of employment to align with TFC agencies' employment practices with Treatment Parent Specialist (TPS). Changing policy language from "employment" to "employment relationship" will create more inclusive and consistent terminology which will reflect the various arrangements TFC agencies have with TPS (i.e., full-time employment, contractual employment, etc.).

This letter is provided for informational purposes only. The OHCA encourages you to review each rule change in its entirety. If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this letter, please contact (800) 522-0114.

Thank you for the services you provide to our SoonerCare members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard".

Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard  
State Medicaid Director